



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Osteopathic Medicine Week

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians have treated U.S. presidents, Olympic athletes, contributed to the fight against AIDS and for civil rights and served on nationwide health care panels; and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery; and


WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their patients; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health services; and


WHEREAS, the citizens of Rhode Island recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless of age, income level or ethnicity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as Osteopathic Medicine Week in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 10th day of April, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor